1   Accordingly, the present invention provides a method for

2   making (or generating) a presentation on a plurality of

3   computers or computer stations utilizing a software control

4   program. The method may comprise one or more steps such as, for

5   instance, providing that the software control program is written

6   in a platform independent computer programming language,

7   installing at least one instance of the software control

8   computer program on each of the plurality of computers, running

9   the software control program simultaneously on the plurality of

10   programs, and automatically starting unlike or different

11   sequences of displays for each of the plurality of computers

12   utilizing the simultaneously running software control programs.

13   Other steps may include providing that the sequence of displays

14   differs between the plurality of computers and/or installing a

15   respective set of files to be played by each of the plurality of

16   computers for the presentation including an initial file to be

17   played and an ending file to be played and/or timing playing of

18   each the files of the respective set of files for each of the

19   plurality of computers such that a beginning time and play

20   duration time is effectively associated with each file.

21   The step of automatically starting may further comprise

22   providing an initial file start time for each instance of the

23   software control program on each of the plurality of computers.

1   Thus, a method for making a presentation comprising steps

2   such as, for instance, installing for single execution of the

3   software computer control program on a one of a plurality of

4   computers, or alternatively for simultaneous and independent

5   ("in parallel") execution of the software program on a one of a

6   plurality of computers, installing a respective set of files to

7   be played by each of the plurality of computers for the

8   presentation including an initial file to be played and an

9   ending file to be played, associating timing for playing of each

10   the files of the respective set of files for each of the

11   plurality of computers whereby an effective beginning time and

12   play duration time is associated with each file, providing a

13   start time for an initial file to be played on each of the

14   plurality of computers, providing that each computer is

15   synchronized to a common time, providing that each instance of

16   execution of the control program on each of the plurality of

17   computers displays the initial file at the respective start

18   time, and sequentially playing each file in each respective set

19   of files for each of the plurality of computers.

20   The respective set of files for each of the plurality of

21   computers may include graphic files and/or audio files to be

22   played. The method may comprise instances of simultaneous and

23   independent executions of the software control program on a

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1   computer associated with a plurality of monitors where each

2   instance of execution of the software control program

3   independently coordinates a presentation display sequence for a

4   respective one of the plurality of monitors operated by the

5   computer. The effective beginning time and play duration time

6   may be determined from an absolute beginning time and an

7   absolute ending time or the effective beginning time and play

8   duration time may be determined based on a collective time of

9   previous image files and a given play duration time.

10 Thus, the invention provides a software control program is

11 operable for running simultaneously on a plurality of computers

12 and may include software elements such, for instance, a read

13 scenario command to read the scenario file which lists the files

14 to be played and associated timing thereof, at least one get

15 image command to retrieve each image file listed in the scenario

16 file, and a software timing control operable for coordinating

17 timing of display of each image file for each of the plurality

18 of computers to provide a coordinated presentation utilizing the

19 plurality of computers. The software control program may be

20 written in a platform independent computer programming language

21 so as to be operable on computers which may have dissimilar or

22 different operating systems. The invention may further comprise

23 a display command to designate a particular display for a

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